

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 53080
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Masaaki KURANUKI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 7824
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Application No.: 10/593,281	:	Group Art Unit: 2838
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Filed: September 18, 2006	:	Examiner: Ahmed H. OMAR
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For: POWER SYSTEM AND MANAGEMENT METHOD THEREOF	:	

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary dated March 5, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the statement of the substance of the interview.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner conducted an interview with the Applicant's representative, Takashi Saito, on February 23, 2009. During the interview the Examiner asserted that:

- 1) The language "converge" also encompasses/means "come close to." Thus, Asao controls the voltage so as to come close to the inflection point.
- 2) FIGS. 10 and 12 and First Embodiment of Asao disclose the subject matter of claims 1 and 2. By charging 25%, the cell voltage arrives at the 1st inflection point (25%), and by charging 30% after 10% discharging, the voltage arrives at the second inflection point (45%). Further, the charging 30% after 10% discharging discloses the electrochemical device being charged when the voltage is lower than the threshold value as recited by claim 2.
- 3) As to the comparator in claim 2, Asao must compare the voltage with the threshold value to control the charging or discharging.

It is noted that the Examiner and the Applicants' representative did not reach agreements with respect to the foregoing points. However, Applicants note that the response filed on March 3, 2009 fully addresses these points and traverses the Examiner's positions.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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